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OUTLINES.

President Roosevelt wfll not modify his order regarding the removal of troops from Goldfield. He is insistent that it is up to the State of Nevada to maintain order in the now notorious mining camp——The comptroller of the Currency has issued a statement showing the condition of the National Banks at the close of business on Dec. 30——The monthly report of the Bureau of Immigration shows an increase of 25 per cent. in the number of immigrants arriving in this country over that for the same period last year.——The Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, ignores the injunction issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and in its January issue prints the name of the Bucks Stove Co., in its "We Don't Patronize" list——The funeral of United States Senator Mallory, who died Sunday night, will be held today at Pensacola, Fla., and in accordance with his desires that it be unostentatious and that no Congressional committees be appointed——Chairman Thomas Taggart of the Democratic National Committee, has issued his formal call for the big convention and named a special committee on arrangements——At Kistler, Ga., the secret society halls of the negroes are being dynamited and completely wrecked, the result being a general panic among the blacks——At a small town in Georgia, a Sunday song service was broken up by a stroke of lightning; one was killed and several injured——Secretary of War Taft is in Cincinnati, he visited his mother's grave yesterday. He is there for the purpose of settling up her estate——The trial of Caleb Powers, for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel in Kentucky, has entered on its seventh week; W. J. Davidson, Assistant Secretary of State under Powers, who left the State immediately after the shooting, has returned and will go on the stand for the defense——New York markets; spot cotton steady, 10 points lower; middling uplands 11.70, middling gulf 11.95, sales 3,625 bales; money on call strong at from 6 to 25 per cent., ruling rate 25; Rosin quiet; turpentine easy at 45 1-2.

Harriman has the women working for him. Goodbye Fish.

Even the weather hasn't much of the real "Christmas feel" in it.

Uncle Joe Cannon will soon be 72 and with the Presidency a good ways off yet.

Boston has an elevator boy who writes poetry. Why not? Isn't poetry always elevating?

Most of the "Good Breeding" displayed in the New York horse show was confined to the animals.

All water wagon tickets for New Year's issue should be printed with transfer coupons. This will save time and trouble.

The real wise small boy will borrow one of his sister's stockings for use tonight. They are so much bigger, you know.

Yesterday's despatches tell us that Gov. John Johnson of Minnesota was once a newspaper man. The more we hear of that fellow the better we like him.

It is lucky those bath-taking Virginians were arrested in Ohio. If it had happened in Texas they would probably have received the death sentence.

Senator Platt of New York endorsed the Cortelyou presidential boom and since then not a word has been heard of it. There are some things than even a political boom can't stand.

In 1904 the President named his successor and he will be sure to try and do the same thing again. But the Democrats will have a finger or two in the pie and his calculations are more than sure to go astray.

A Georgia paper points with pride to the great quantities of paint being shipped into the State. We venture the assertion, however, that red paint will soon be a drug on the market down that way.

"Hope, trust, and unlimited confidence are the brightest links in the golden chain of friendship," says the Baltimore American. They are also the principle things to be desired in the gold brick business.

Uncle Joe Cannon very properly assigned Mr. Sherry, of Connecticut to the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic, but why didn't he put Mr. Granger on the Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Cole should also have gone on the Mining, Mr. Law, the the Judiciary and Mr. Woodyard on the Forestry. Mr. Parsons or Mr. Pray, either one of them, would undoubtedly have made good chaplains.

DIED ON BOARD SHIP

Untimely End of Captain Lake Master of British Steamer Hillmere.

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT?

Contents of Phial of Carbolic Acid Found in His Stomach—Died as Vessel Passed Down River to Southport.

As the result of swallowing the contents of a large phial of carbolic acid, taken either by mistake or with suicidal intent, Capt. Thomas Lake, 31 years of age, a citizen of Liverpool, England, and master of the British steamer Hillmere, which cleared late Saturday night with cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son for Bremen, Germany, died suddenly in his cabin on board the ship as the vessel was passing down the river to Southport early Sunday morning.

Capt. Lake, during his short stay in port, and at Norfolk before reaching Wilmington, had suffered much with acute nervousness superinduced by alcoholism, but on Saturday after a kindly talk with Mr. James Sprunt, the British Vice Consul here, he appeared to be all right and the first officer of the ship expressed the opinion that the captain would be himself again once the steamer was at sea. For several days before leaving Wilmington he had been under treatment by Dr. E. J. Wood for his nervous disorder and went on board Saturday night after cabling an affectionate Christmas greeting to his wife and little son, born in Liverpool since Capt. Lake left on this voyage. He appeared in good spirits and the steamer was taken out of her slip at the Compress and started down the river about 7 o'clock. The captain was admonished to stay in his cabin and take things easy, being assured that the first officer would give the steamer every attention. He came up on deck one time, but went back below and very soon the steward of the ship heard heavy breathing from where the captain lay on his bunk and it was then seen that the man had resorted to desperate measures. In spite of all that could be done for him he was dead in twenty minutes from the time he was discovered.

Capt. Lake evidently was brooding over some private trouble while here and sought to relieve his mind by drinking to excess. He was remonstrated with by the British Vice Consul, who had every authority, to suspend him from the ship, but prompted by sympathy for the man, Mr. Sprunt would take no such drastic action and dismissed Capt. Lake from the interview with a word of encouragement. The first officer realized the condition of his superior and took the precaution before leaving port of locking the medicine chest on board the ship. Capt. Lake either had access to this in some unaccountable way, and took the carbolic acid by mistake for some other drug or he had slipped ashore Saturday night and provided himself with the agency of self destruction.

As soon as the vessel reached the Cape Fear quarantine station at Southport the British Vice Consul was communicated with by telephone and an autopsy was ordered. This was performed by Dr. Sprague, of the quarantine station; Dr. J. A. Dosher, of Southport, coroner of the county, and one other physician. A sufficient amount of carbolic acid is said to have been found in the stomach to kill six men. An inquest was also held yesterday to officially determine the cause of death, after which the news was cabled as gently as possible to the dead man's relatives on the other side. Mr. Marvin H. Brimmer, from the funeral parlors of Mr. W. E. Yopp, went down to Southport Sunday afternoon and prepared the remains for burial, the committal having been at Southport at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Capt. Lake was a man way above the average of the ordinary seafaring man. He was a young man of polish and attractive personality, having made a number of friends while in port. His death under the distressing circumstances is very sad indeed.

The first mate of the steamer came up to Wilmington yesterday and was duly signed as master of the ship, after which the Hillmere proceeded with a delay of a couple of days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Co.—"Ask."
Academy—Creston Clarke.
W. B. Cooper—What You Want.
D. L. Gore & Co.—Wm. Tell Flour.
Palace Market—The Christmas Dinner.
D. L. Gore & Co.—Jackson Square Coffee
Crystal Palace—Big Christmas Offering.

Business Locals.

Found—Christmas Package.
E. L. Hilton—Burros for Sale.

Gibbs candy in swell packages for Xmas. Warren's Steam Bakery. 3t

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING

Miss Charlotte Duffy the Attractive Young Bride of Mr. Frank Backstrom Culp—Beautiful Ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Charlotte Duffy and Mr. Frank Backstrom Culp yesterday evening at a quarter past six o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. P. F. Duffy, No. 10 South Eighth street, was at once an event of much pleasurable interest to the large number of friends of the young people and withal one of the prettiest home weddings celebrated in Wilmington in a twelve-month.

Although no formal invitations had been issued to the wedding, both the bride and groom preferring that it should be of a very quiet nature, quite a company of friends were assembled to witness the pretty ceremony, which was with tableaux effect, the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. The large double parlors of the home were attractively decorated with palms, plants and flowers while from a beautifully impovised altar in the west end of the rear parlor numerous wax tapers from handsomely burnished candelabra shed a soft light over the wedding scene. Candelabra and candles were also used with pretty effect on the mantels, on the piano and at other points of vantage in the front parlor where the guests assembled as Miss Lillie Post rendered with charming touch a number of selections of classical music, among these having been "Fallen Rose Leaves," Mendelssohn's Spring Song and others.

The tuneful music of a bridal chorus from Lohengrin was the signal for the parting of a handsome portiere dividing the parlors and the guests assembled were then permitted to see the beautiful tableaux within. As the solemn words in which each plighted to the other their troth were being spoken impressively by Dr. Wells, Miss Post played deftly and sweetly "O, Promise Me." It was a scene of rare loveliness and all present were impressed with the beauty of it all and the delightful precision with which all the arrangements were carried out. The prevailing colors were white and green and these were carried out prettily in the scheme of decorations all over the house.

The only attendant for the wedding was pretty little Miss Carolyn Northrop, who served as maid of honor, and she was beautiful in pure white and carrying pink carnations. The bride was pretty in a grey traveling suit of chiffon broadcloth with grey picture hat and plumes to match. She carried an exquisite bouquet of LaFrance roses.

Nothing could have been added to the beauty of the wedding in its every appointment and as the last words of the soleman service were spoken and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played as an exit, Mr. and Mrs. Culp were showered with felicitations upon the beautiful affair by those present. After the brief and informal reception at the hospitable home of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Culp were accompanied to the Atlantic Coast Line station whence they took their departure on the northbound train for a bridal tour which will include a visit to the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Culp, of Washington, D. C.

The young people are very popular in this city, the bride being much admired for her many charms of person and manner and the groom being held in the highest esteem by all in the circle of his acquaintance. He has been a resident of Wilmington for several years and holds a responsible position as one of the chief electricians for the Consolidated Company of this city. The bride and groom have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future prosperity and happiness. Although the formality of invitations was not observed the bride received a number of very handsome and useful wedding gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Culp will return to the city in two weeks and will be at home to friends after January 6th, at the residence of Mr. Charles W. Woodward, St. James' Square. They will be cordially welcomed by their many friends upon their return.

AIRLIE DRAMATIC CLUB

Another Play to be Given at Residence of Mr. Pembroke Jones.

It was announced yesterday by the business manager of the Airlie Dramatic Club upon the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Miss Sadie Jones from the North that early in the Spring another play will be given at their handsome country estate on the Sound to which a large number of society folk of Wilmington will be invited. Several plays have been submitted to the Club but as yet there has been no choice of a production, which will be of the usual elaborate and brilliant nature. This announcement will be received with pleasurable interest by many who have pleasant recollections of the former production given at Airlie.

—Messrs. D. L. Moore, of Clear Run, and W. H. Scott, of Clinton, passed through the city yesterday en route to their homes to spend the holidays. They have been with C. H. Robinson & Co., of Charlotte.

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

THE RATE HEARING

Facts in Suit Against Coast Line Before Standing Master Here Jan. 8th.

THE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

Fight Against Dispensary in Raleigh is Waxing Warm—Speeches Denunciatory In Their Character—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Standing Master W. A. Montgomery to whom United States Judge J. C. Pritchard delegated the work of finding the facts in the famous suits by the several leading railroads in North Carolina to test the constitutionality of the act of the last Legislature reducing the passenger rates to 2 1-4 cents flat, has served notice on the litigants and their counsel in the case of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company vs. Chairman McNeill and others of the Corporation and the Attorney General that he will be in Wilmington January 9th for the purpose of taking testimony in that suit, the hearings to be in the law office of Rountree & Carr, of counsel for the Coast Line.

The notice to counsel on the part of the State was sent to ex-Judge Shepherd with instructions to notify others of counsel for the State which include Hon. F. A. Woodward, Wilson; ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, of Goldsboro; E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, and W. E. Daniel, Weldon.

Mr. Justice has heretofore notified Governor Glenn that if he decided to call together the Legislature to act on a compromise with the Southern or others of the railroads resisting the 2 1-4 cent rate, he should at once accept his resignation as of counsel for the State and fix his compensation for services rendered as he proposed to oppose such compromise in the House of Representatives of which he is speaker. In view of this situation there is some question as to whether Mr. Justice will take any hand in the hearing at Wilmington.

A notice was also issued today by Standing Master Montgomery to parties to the litigation and their counsel in the suit of Carolina & Northwestern Railroad Company vs. Chairman McNeill and others, a suit similar to the Coast Line suit, to the effect that he will be in Raleigh January 15th for the purpose of taking evidence in that suit. The Carolina and Northwestern is one of the railroad companies that has signified its willingness to join with the Southern in the proposed compromise for 2 1-2 cent flat rate with two cent mileage in the event Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee join in for the application of similar intra State rates in the respective States. Standing Master Montgomery, it is understood, has received no official notice of any movement for the settlement of the Carolina and Northwestern suit, hence his order for appearance to begin the taking of testimony. The expectation is that in the event the settlement is still pending there will be merely a continuance in the case of the Carolina & Northwestern on the day set for the hearing.

The prohibition campaign is gaining in intensity daily with an unfortunate prospect for harsh, if not, intemperate criticism by opposing forces as election day (Thursday, December 26th) approaches. There was a considerable "flurry" Saturday evening and Sunday caused by the publication in the afternoon paper of a card advocating the retention of the dispensary signed by forty-three citizens, many of them among the most prominent business and professional men. The gist of their advocacy of the dispensary was that prohibition would not prohibit and that under the circumstances the dispensary was the most salutary control of the traffic, yielding a return in revenue for city and county public improvements and schools that should not be eliminated unless there was to be a really effective elimination of the drink evil which could not, they contend be brought about without an act by Congress that would prevent the shipment of liquor into the State.

At a mass meeting for prohibition held Sunday evening in the Academy of Music this publication and its signers came in for fierce denuciation and invectives that bordered on the sensational. N. B. Broughton declared that its appearance in the afternoon paper was most fitting as "Where the paper stands on this and kindred great moral questions, what it is really being run for and to whom it belongs," are apparently unanswerabe conundrums. He declared that in the signing of the statement there appeared some good citizens, some workers, some who never worked, some taxpayers and some who never paid poll tax even. He declared with great vehemence that along with these forty-three signers there should have been also the forty-three harlots who it was known had subscribed to the dispensary campaign fund.

Other speakers were Chairman W. N. Jones, of the Anti-Saloon League, A. A. Thompson and Rev. Mordecai Ham, the latter being as denuciatory with reference to the signers of the card in advocacy of the dispensary as was Mr. Broughton. While the mass-meeting was in progress an alarm of fire was turned in from a remote section of the city and in appealing to the crowd to not leave the hall Mayor James I. Johnson declared his belief that the alarm was false and sent in by dispensary advocates in the hope of breaking up the prohibition mass-meeting. The alarm did prove to be false but dispensary advocates resent indignantly the charge that it was caused by any such purpose as the Mayor charged.

It seems to be generally conceded that the election Thursday will be rather close, there being advocates of the dispensary who concede a majority for prohibition and prohibition workers who express the view, on the other hand, that the dispensary will be retained by a safe majority. Several of the prohibition advocates discussing the situation last night among themselves took the view that even if the dispensary won out it would only have the effect of bringing about State prohibition more speedily in that event the extra session of the Legislature, if convened for the railroad rate settlement, would sweep the dispensary from Raleigh whether or no, and put the whole State under prohibition.

CUTTER SEMINOLE IN PORT

Arrived Yesterday to Begin Winter Cruising After Absence of Nearly Three Months—Wireless Installed on Board.

After an absence since October 12th, the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, Capt. J. H. Quinan, arrived in port Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and resumes her station at Wilmington for her Winter crushing, orders for which were recently received, the long and dangerous stretch of coast from Savannah, Ga., to Hatteras, having been assigned to the ship.

Men and officers of the cutter were glad to get in port for the holidays and the Seminole will likely be here until after the New Year unless emergency orders in the meantime require her services elsewhere. The pretty ship reached port spick and span, having only recently undergone her annual overhauling and having had wireless installed on board, which will add greatly to the value of the service she will be able to render shipping at this dangerous time of the year. The cutter has spent some time since her departure at Baltimore, the Norfolk Navy Yard and in the Chesapeake Bay, where she participated in the joint drills and exercises of the fleet consisting of the Apache, Algonquin, Onondaga, Pamlico and Forward. The fleet left Baltimore on the 16th of November for Mobjack Bay and on the 20th steamed up to Yorktown, Va., which was the base for the seven day drills, which proved of great advantage to men and officers. Capt. Worth G. Ross, chief of the service, reviewed the fleet on the 19th and witnessed flotilla boat drill under oars and sails being much impressed according to the press reports published at the time.

On her return to Wilmington the Seminole assisted the Lookout life saving crew in towing the abandoned schooner Augustus Welt into Lookout Bight, as previously noted. The trip down to Wilmington on Sunday was without event. Several changes have been made in the staff of officers of the cutter as have been published from time to time. One of the assignments to the cutter since she left port was First Assistant Engineer L. C. Farwell, who has been pleasantly welcomed on board the ship.

JAIL IS FILLING UP.

Forty-Six Will Spend Christmas There —The City Prison.

With no more recruits today and tonight, forty-six American and Afro-American citizens will spend the Christmas holiday in jail. There were nine registrations at Proprietor Capp's hostelry yesterday, five of whom came over from the Mayor and the house is crowded. Jailor Capps says that he will have to put out the "Standing Room Only" sign if the pace is kept up any longer as court does not meet until January 26th, and that is a long way off yet. Sheriff Cowan says that with the large number of unemployed in the city and the approach of a hard Winter, a great many of those being now committed to jail really enjoy it. With plenty to eat and a steam-heated building the jail is the average negro's paradise at this season of the year.

Mention was made a few days ago that Christmas dinners would be provided for all prisoners in the penal institutions. There was no special reference to the large number of "morning afters" in the city prison. Mrs. Jane Sheehan, who has the contract for feeding these unfortunates always provides a bountiful repast on Christmas and Thanksgiving. If this is any inducement, Mrs. Sheehan says the custom will be in vogue again this year.

—The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Mr. John H. Penny, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Penny, of Hixson, Tenn., and Miss Mollie E. Barnhill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Barnhill, of Rocky Point; Mr. Albert J. Byrd, of Clay, W. Va., and Mrs. Alice Story, of Georgetown, S. C., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wilder.

DEATH CAME AT LAST

Mr. John McLaurin, Twenty-Five Years Editor of North Carolina Presbyterian.

USEFUL CITIZEN IS NO MORE

Passed Away at His Home in This City Early Last Night—Funeral This Afternoon—Long Career.

Mr. John McLaurin, one of Wilmington's most venerable and most beloved citizens, for twenty-five years editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian so dear to the hearts of all of that denomination in the State, is no more. He passed away last evening at 7 o'clock at his home at No. 619 Orange street after an illness covering a period of three years during which time he has been an invalid.

The death, while expected at any time from the serious condition of Mr. McLaurin, came as a shock to the family and friends and many throughout the State will learn today of his death with the most sincere sorrow. While serving as Deputy Register of Deeds of the county three years ago Mr. McLaurin suffered a stroke of paralysis which completely incapacitated him. For days it was thought that the end was near, but he rallied from time to time and occasionally was well enough to ride out about the city or be wheeled along the sidewalk in an invalid's chair. Through all his suffering, he bore up with that Christian resignation that was ever during his long and useful career a distinguishing trait in his character. But for the remarkable vitality for one of his years, Mr. McLaurin would have long since passed to that bourne from which no traveller returns. It was only within the past month that his condition became more serious and he gradually sank until the end came to relieve his suffering at the hour named.

Mr. John McLaurin was of Scotch extraction and was born in Wilmington on January 7th 1832, being in the 76th year of his age at the time of his death. On June 29th 1855 he joined the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, was ordained a ruling elder of the congregation February 2nd 1868 and had been ever since an active member of the session. He was a devoted, positive Presbyterian, a good presbyter, an active church worker, a useful citizen and a man of fine character and influence. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits on the wharf and with the old Wilmington and Manchester Railroad until November 1874 when he became business manager of the North Carolina Presbyterian upon its removal to this city from Fayetteville. Later he became its owner and editor and during the long life of the paper as the organ of the North Carolina Synod, it wielded a wide influence among the Presbyterians of the State. In March 1875 he became treasurer of Wilmington Presbytery and held that office until incapacitated for further service. He remained as editor of the Presbyterian until January 1898 when the paper was purchased by the Rev. A. J. McKelway, D. D., of Charlotte, and removed to that city, the name being changed to the Presbyterian Standard now edited by the Rev. P. R. Law. Under his energetic and judicious management the paper was a success and memories of its pages are still cherished with love and devotion by Presbyterians everywhere. Under the guidance of Mr. McLaurin, it was faithful to the old landmarks, conservative, practical and evangelical and had steadily advanced in worth and acceptability. It did a great service for the cause of Christianity in general and Presbyterianism in particular.

Mr. McLaurin married Miss Blanks, a sister of the late Captain William Blanks, of this city, but she passed away a number of years ago. There are now surviving one sister, Mrs. M. Cronly, of Wilmington, and three daughters, Mrs. Eliza H. Parsley and Miss Sarah McLaurin, of this city, and Mrs. Bettie Jones, of Durham, N. C. These with a large number of grand children, have the sincerest sympathy of the community in the sorrow which has come to them. Mrs. Jones is expected today from Durham in time to attend the funeral which will be conducted from the late residence by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The services will be largely attended by many friends from this city and a number from out of the city, who will arrive today to attend the obsequies.

POLICY PROMPTLY PAID

Equitable Settles Claim With Estate of Late T. B. Oldham.

Captain W. M. Stevenson, resident agent of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, yesterday received a check for $1,055 which is the amount of the policy carried by the late Thomas B. Oldham, who died as the result of the terrible accident at the Castle Haynes road crossing a few weeks ago. The check will be paid at once to the estate of Mr. Oldham, who had carried a policy with the Prudential but a comparatively short time. The check was forwarded very promptly upon receipt of proof of claim at the home office of the company at Newark, N. J.

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MAKE USEFUL GIFTS.

In spite of our warning to do the Christmas shopping early, it is certain that today will be the most busy one with both the people and the store keepers, of the season.

It is not too late even now to give a word of advice. Try and spend your money for something useful. Times are rather "hard" just now and money is not over plenty.

For this reason, the above suggestion is even more than Seasonable.

The New York Herald most truthfully says:

"Christmas giving has developed to the point at which some sort of restraint must be put upon the free and untrammeled liberty of the individual to select whatever catches the eye or the fancy. A vast amount of money is spent on totally worthless stuff that only lumbers up the house and makes life a burden after the novelty has faded. The same amount of money spent on useful articles is better invested and the gifts remain longer as reminders of their donors.

There is no end to the list of useful gifts. Every shop contains them in abundance. The advertising columns of the Star are filled with suggestions. Nobody need lack for ideas on this subject. A few minutes spent ments, followed by a couple of hours in reading the business announceor so in the stores, will yield a sufficient variety of possibilities to suit all tastes and purses.

Money is easily wasted on cheap and perishable trifles for the children, which might much better be expended in more substantial goods. Fewer gifts of solid worth are infinitely better than a large assortment of stuff that will be in a wrecked state two days after Christmas. The substantial toy given this year to a child will probably survive the strain of a twelvemonth and be suitable for transfer to some little hospital patient a year hence.

If in doubt, buy a good book. They are always "in order" and with a little judgment used in the selection, make appropriate gifts for both young and old and in their way are "useful."

THE COMING OF WU.

The definite announcement is made that Wu Ting Fang is on his way to the United States to reassume the duties of Chinese minister to this country.

He will arrive in Washington some time during the month of January and the gaiety of nations will be proportionally increased as soon as he arrives.

It is more than probable that a sheaf of invitations are already accumulated on his desk in Washington, asking him to deliver banquet speeches and commencement addresses. Once more the quaint touch of humor is to light up his Oriental eyes as he prods us on our shortcomings under the guise of innocence and whisicality.

But we are told, in connection with his appointment, that he brings with him a particularly warm message of esteem and distinguished consideration from his august master, the dowager.

Tsi An is thinking very well of us these days, and intimates that not only will all embargoes be taken from American trade, but that in point of fact we shall have all sorts of preferences.

This may, or may not be true. In the light of the reforms which are now going on in China, there may have been a change of heart over there.

To the cotton spinners of the South who sell so large a part of their products over in the East, it is a matter of considerable importance.

In spite of occasional criticisms, Wu, who is one of the most accomplished men of his country, will receive a cordial welcome from the people of the United States.

WHY NOT TEST THEM.

The Republican party is in power in the White House. It is in control of the Senate and in the House it's leadership is unquestioned.

However, a division in the party is gradually making itself manifest. The "standpatter" wants nothing done while the "reformer" is anixious to make at least, a showing of progress.

The President has recommended several things that the Democrats have been contending for, for years.

Now is the time to test the Republican party and find out how many Roosevelt men there are in the Senate and House.

If the Democratic minority will take up the different propositions, upon which its party has a record and to which Mr. Roosevelt has recently given full approval, and put the full strength of the party behind these propositions, it is possible some of them might be pushed through and the county at large benefited.

At least it will be possible to show that the Republican party does not support the President when his recommendations are Democratic.

In the next campaign the Republican party will attempt to carry water on both shoulders; it will endeavor to so write its platform as to hold the reform Republicans, without alieniating the "standpatters." Why not expose this attempt in advance, by compelling them to go on record in the present Congress, for or against the President's recommendations.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

"Driven to divorce by love" is the sad story of Arthur Kohr, a Chicago musician only sixteen days married.

"Too much love" was his plea and the court has granted his petition.

At the time his suit was entered the Star advised Mr. Kohr to just wait a few days and intimated that instead of kisses he'd probably be getting flatirons and rolling pins in abundance. But he didn't follow this advice and now he is a free man.

"You never saw anything like it," he said. "She would sit on my lap by the hour and if I wanted a package of tobacco she would order me to stay where I was and do the errand herself because she was afraid some girl might run off with me.

"She wanted to be kissed in the morning and kissed at noon and kissed at night. I could never get away from the passionate, despairing cry, 'Arthur, kiss me.'"

He was a prisoner and could not go out to earn a living, the man said. "I had to be with her all the time getting loved."

Which goes to show that nothing in itself is so good but that it may be abused.

The business men, those who are the backbone of any community, should most certainly give W. B. Harker and his Scottish Chief of Maxton the most liberal sort of support. Real financial support, we mean, not that of the "hand-shaking, glad smile" sort but something actually substantial. He's doing more for his town and the country round about him that he's getting paid for. Just look at his Christmas number which has been received at this office. There are Teddy Bears and Reindeers galore on the front page and printed in colors too. Brother Harker is certainly to be congratulated on the enterprise he is showing.

Secretary Taft's reception on his home coming, after his trip to the Orient, was more or less in the nature of a frost. When he landed in New York, there was a big bunch of newspaper reporters on hand, of course, to see and hear him but that was about all. He found no orchestras playing and no reception committees, with bouquets waiting to assure him of the devoted appreciation of a large following of voters. In short, he found upon landing that his boom was in about as bad shape as it is possible for any floating boom to be.

The Charleston News and Courier quotes a respectable negro carpenter who hires assistants, as saying that the reason it is so difficult to get negro workmen is that wages are so high. A negro can make as much in three days as he wants in a week—and "most of that goes for whiskey." The negro carpenter quoted "is convinced that "the only way to make them work all the time is to put up the price of whiskey to $100 a drink." If this be a correct view, under Prohibition, they would not be expected to work at all.

A New York court has been called upon to say whether or not it is lawful for a corporation to practice medicine. The suit is based on the corporation's advertisements asserting its ability to cure certain diseases. The outcome of the case will be awaited with interest. If there is anything in the line of human endeavor that a corporation may not undertake in this country, the people would like to know.

Cortelyou was very careful to leave a string dangling down from that statement of his. He can now, with good grace pull himself back into the candidate class, if he later decides to do so.

Malaria Makes Pale Blood.
The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

DEATH

in cases where Inflammation is the cause ,and a cold or croup or pneumonia is inflammation, can be averted by using GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE. The world's great external remedy. All druggists. Buy today and be prepared. Croup comes in the night and Death often comes with Croup.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Colonel Bryan declines to discuss Governor Johnson "or anybody else as a presidential possibility." If the interviewer should tap him on Colonel Bryan, there might be more satisfactory results.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—Nothing could be more absurd than the talk about Mr. Cleveland as a delegate to the Denver convention and the suggestion is a reflection upon the dignity of the first citizen of the Republic. He will not want to be there and will not be wanted.—Charlotte Observer.

—The Atlantic Coast, it is announced, will be safe during the departure of the big squadron to eastern seas. There will be nine battleships to protect it, and any of them is more than a match for the biggest phantom fleet ever despatched to these shores.—Raleigh Evening Times.

—The Republicans do not usually play into the hands of the Democrats but if they should put up Mr. Cortelyou and the Democrats could unite on the right kind of a candidate there would be something doing that would give those of us living down this way a chance to throw up our hats.—Durham Herald.

TWINKLINGS.

"Her marriage got her a place in society." "Well?" "And her divorce clinched it."—Washington Herald.

—Mrs. Bloodgood—Would you be willing to marry a nouveau riche? Miss Parvenue—Why certainly, if he had money.—Life.

—"What ye readin' about paw?" "There's been another seismic disturbance, maw." "Ah, them Seismics is a turbulent race."—Pittsburg Post.

—Mr. Psmith—Why can't you go to the opera? Mrs. Psmith—I haven't a rag to my back! Mr. Psmith—You'll be the belle of the occasion. Come along!—Cleveland Leader.

—Nan—This is one of my latest photographs, but I don't like it a bit. It hasn't my best expression. Fan.—Perhaps dear, you didn't have your best complexion on.—Chicago Tribune.

—"Experience," said the man who indulges in trite sayings, "is the best teacher." "Yes," answered the race track philosopher, "but it usually leaves a man broke so that he can't play his information."—Washington Star.

—"No, indeed!" said Cholly Saphead. "I never patronize ready-made clothing shops. I've always depended upon one tailor to make me—" "Yes," interrupted Miss Peppery, "its very evident that nine tailors didn't make you."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him. "Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

The Jones House.
Atkinson, N. C.
is Now Open for the Patronage of the Public
Board by the Day, Week or Month
Special Attention to Traveling men
Rates, Reasonable.
MRS. J. B. JONES, Prop.

DEPOSIT ANY AMOUNT

OF MONEY
at this bank to the credit of your family or friends as a
CHRISTMAS GIFT!
Tell them what you've done as a surprise on Christmas Day.
The Bank Book will be opened in their name—the amount will draw 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly from January 1st—as a substantial gift nothing could be better!
Act on this suggestion at once.

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Matt J. Heyer, President.
Milton Calder, Cashier.
Southern Bldg. Opp. Postoffice
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Christmas Suggestions
From Our Stock
Let This Be a Year of Practical Gifts.

Fine Pearl Handled KNIVES for the ladies.
Pearl and Stag Handle KNIVES for the gentlemen.
JACK KNIVES for the boys.
CHAIN POCKET KNIVES for the children.
MANICURE SETS for ladies.
MANICURE SETS for gentlemen.
MANICURE SCISSORS.
NAIL SCISSORS.
EMBROIDERY SCISSORS.
FANCY SCISSORS.
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS.
EVER READY $1.00 SAFETY RAZORS.
STAR SAFETY RAZORS.
CORN KNIVES.
RAZOR SETS.
STROPS.
LIBRARY SCISSORS.
SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS.
SILVER TEA AND TABLE SPOONS.
MEAT FORKS.
SAVORY ROASTERS plain Agate or Agate and Nickeled $1.00 to $3.00.
RIFLES for the boys $1.50.
BREECHLOADERS $4.00 to $40.00.
COFFEE PERCOLATORS.
REVOLVERS (S. & W. and Iver Johnson).
BOYS HANDLED AXES.
TEA AND COFFEE POTS.
MAJESTIC RANGES.
MAJESTIC WASHING MACHINES.
BAKING DISHES.
BREAD AND CAKE MIXERS.
FOOD CHOPPERS.
FRENCH CHEF CARVERS, Stag Handle and Ivory.
MEAT AND GAME CARVING SETS—Silver Trimmed.
JOSEPH ROGERS & SONS CARVERS.
CRUMB TRAYS.
CUSPIDORS.
FINE BRASS GOODS.
FAMILY SCALES.
FIRE DOGS, Bronze and Brass.
ASBESTOS SAD IRON, Separate or in Sets.
And hundreds of other useful Articles.

We Never Sleep
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.
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New Toys and Dolls
On Display This Week at
GAYLORD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE
FIRE WORKS
For XMAS GOODS Go to GAYLORD'S
Baby Carriages at GAYLORD'S
Wholesale and Retail DOLLS AND TOYS
GEO. O. GAYLORD
DEPARTMENT STORE
dec 8 tf

Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains
In addition to a large Stock of Dry Goods and Notions I have put in Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains, and ask the public to inspect before buying.
J. WEIL, 116 Market St.
Sole Agents for THE NEMO CORSET and MAY MANTON PATTERNS.

Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.
Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.
F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.
dec 10 tf

MAKE HAY....
and let us Sell you a
HAY PRESS.
to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties, are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.
Full stock Heavy Groceries.
The Worth Co.

Coal Lime
W. B. THORPE & CO., Inc.
WOOD WOOD WOOD
Oak, Black Jack and Pine, Cut for stoves.
"Lightwood Blocks."
"Mid-way" Lumps.
The best Coal for Grates.
Building Material.
Lime, Cement, Wall Plaster, etc.
Wood Cement
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Seasonable Goods
Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.
A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.
Hall & Pearsall, INC.
nov 23 tf

Do Your Christmas Buying NOW!
Before the rush begins.
Many new suggestions in our stock this year, a full variety of many little things of beauty and worth that make most acceptable gifts, at moderate cost. Books, Pictures, Leather Goods, Metal Novelties, Fine Stationery Cabinets, Christmas Cards and Calendars, etc., etc.
Take ample time to make your selections and have them laid aside until you wish them delivered.
Prompt and polite attention to all.
C. W. Yates & Co.
MARKET STREET.
dec 7 tf

Carry it from Room to Room

Early Morning Comfort

Open your sleeping-room windows—let in the crisp, fresh air—but your room need not be cold while dressing—a touch of a match and the welcome heat is radiating from the

PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

For heating the bath-room quickly it's a great convenience, and will make the morning dip as glorious as in the summer.

Now it's breakfast time—make the room cozy and cheerful—your breakfast more enjoyable and start the day without a shiver. The Automatic Smokeless Device prevents all smoke and smell and makes it impossible to turn the wick too high or too low. Cleaned in a minute—burns 9 hours with one filling. Finished in Nickel and Japan. Every heater guaranteed.

The Rayo Lamp can be used in any room—safest and best for all-round household use—latest improved central draft burner—bright light at small cost. Absolutely safe. All parts easily cleaned. Made of brass, nickel plated. Every lamp warranted. If you cannot get the Rayo Lamp or Perfection Oil Heater from your dealer, write to our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

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We carry the largest and most complete assortment of Wines and Liquors in the city.

Sold at reasonable prices and quality guaranteed. Ask for price list and mail us your order.

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OPPOSITE UNION DEPOT.
Wilmington, N. C.

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Canary Birds and Parrots

Imported and native Canaries, good singers; Mexican and Cuban Parrots, in cages, make acceptable Christmas Presents. For sale by

W. W. KING, Jr.,
At Solomon's Shoe Store.

The Season for Sporting Goods Is On

Call in and let us show you complete line of Remington hammer and hammerless Guns. The celebrated Baker, all grades. Also fine line of Belgium Hammer Guns, Gun Covers, Leggins and a large and assorted stock of Ammunition.

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Beautiful and Useful

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For Ladies and Gents

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202 NORTH FRONT STREET
Next to Murchison Bank

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NEW FEATURE OF PROHIBITION LAW

No Wine for Hotel Use—Churches and Banquets May be Affected by the Act—Effect in Savannah.

(Savannah Morning News.)

Under the State Prohibition law hotels will be forbidden the use of wine even for flavoring viands, churches cannot legally pass around the sacred cup, and drinks at public banquets may be under the ban.

This is the opinion of one of Savannah's foremost lawyers who has made a studious examination of the law. These features of the act come under the provision which forbids "keeping or furnishing at public places" any intoxicating liquors.

Attorney General Hart and several prominent ministers of the Gospel, to the contrary, this attorney says under decisions of the Supreme Court, a church is a public place. There seems to be no question about a hotel coming under that head. Consequently it is claimed that if liquor is furnished or kept at a hotel for any purpose, whether sale or domestic use, the letter of the law would be violated.

But, says the Attorney General, the Legislature could not have intended to interfere with the use of wine in the churches. The Savannah attorney says the law is clear on this point, just the same, and if the letter is adhered to many of the religious organizations may have to revise the order of their services.

There seems to be a question whether drinks can be had at banquets, because the distinction between a private and a public banquet might be drawn. What might ordinarily be termed a public banquet, might be shifted to the classification of a private banquet, on the ground that admission is only by invitation, even though it were held in a hotel or other public place.

SUES FOR ROOSEVELT'S RIDE.

Liveryman Wants State of Georgia to Pay for Carriage.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—Pay for carriages used by President Roosevelt and others at the Jamestown Exposition on June 10, Georgia Day, is the basis of a suit against Gov. Hoke Smith and twelve other Georgia Exposition commissioners, brought by J. A. Pritchett, a liveryman. He claims $500.

It was a big day, many notables were present, and many carriages were used. Gov. Smith and his fellow commissioners say that the President and others were guests at the exposition and not of the State of Georgia, and that they are in no way responsible for the carriage hire.

While it is immaterial to Pritchett who pays, he sees a better chance to get $500 from the Georgia commissioners than from the bankrupt exposition.

BIG FIRE IN VIRGINIA.

Stores, Houses and a Hotel Go Up in Flames.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—A Times special from Tazwell, Va., says the report has just reached there of a $25,000 fire at Grundy, county seat of Buchanan county, Virginia. The large two story buildings of L. A. Mathias and R. G. Watkins; the hotel, and the dwelling of R. G. Watkins are known to have been totally destroyed and it is reported other buildings were lost.

The stores of Mathias and Watkins were extra large for country stores and were heavily stocked with Christmas and Winter goods. The hotel destroyed was the only one in the town.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Grundy has no fire department and no water works.

—Wilson, Dec. 20.—Yesterday, on the southern extremity of Goldsboro street, a negro answering to the name of "Serm" entered a negro woman's residence and proceeded to make "a rough house." Promptly she ordered him from the premises. "Sherman" had with him a Winchester and notified the woman if she didn't remain good he would fill her as full of holes as a pepper box. She threatened him with the police when he said he didn't care a d—m for all the police in Wilson—that if they commenced any of their monkey business with him there would be several first-class funerals in Wilson before Christmas. The woman succeeded in getting away from him when she promptly notified the police of the occurrence. They went in search of the desperado, but failed to locate him. Again last night they were on a "still hunt" but failed to find his cover.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other.

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A Dangerous Deadlock,

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

Housewives of the Carolinas!

When you are buying flour, buy the best. It is

WILLIAM TELL FLOUR

Made from the best Ohio wheat. It will make the finest, most delicious hot biscuits, elegant cakes and finest pastry you ever had in your home. For sale everywhere.

Ask for It.

D. L. GORE CO., Distributors
Wilmington, N. C.

We have the Nobbiest Line of Xmas Slippers In the City.

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109 Market St.

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Removal Notice

This is to notify my friends and patrons and any others who may be interested, that I have moved my office from 16 Princess St., to the Odd Fellows' Building, Room 15. I have houses, building lots, cemetery lots, farms, timber lands, bank stock, mill stock and mercantile stock from Charleston, W. Va., to Titusville, Fla., For sale, a few good renting propositions. Call and see me at Room 15, Odd Fellows' Building.

G. W. SHEPARD
The Real Estate Man.

Christmas Gifts

A Christmas gift to be appreciated, is one that is useful and lasting. We have an especial fine selection at our new location, consisting of:

Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
Rogers Silver Plated Spoons,
Fine Carving Sets,
Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Desk Sets, Razors and Razor Strops, Ever Ready and Gillette Safety Razors, Rifles and Shot Guns, and many other articles not mentioned here.

Sloan & Sweeney
Phone 332 18 S. Front St.

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THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

The only Dry Goods Store giving away free Red Southern Trading Stamps, which you will see by reading the list of merchants published in this advertisement.

Make your money do double duty every morning until Christmas. We will give away DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS every day from 8 o'clock to 12 noon. That is for every ten cent purchase you get two trading stamps, the kind that are redeemed at the Premium Store on Market Street—who have just received a handsome line of Premiums, such as Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Bric a Brac, Furniture, pictures and a thonsand other useful articles. We shall only give one stamp during the remainder of the day.

The Toy Department occupies our entire basement floor—all the latest novelties in toys are shown.

List of merchants giving Red Southern Trading Stamps in our city.

J. T. Burke	Jeweler	27 So. Front
J. H. Borneman	Grocer	8th & Wooster
S. F. Craig	Grocer	605 N. Front
J. H. Taylor	Grocer	131 Market
J. W. Murchison & Co.	Hardware	109 N. Front
A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
E. A. Todd	Grocer	7th & Castle
C. W. Yates & Co.	Books & Stationary	117 Market
J. Laughlin & Co.	Grocer	601 So. Front

Watch our window display from day to day.

Our Carpet Department on second floor is full of useful Christmas presents—Down Quilts, Rugs, Fancy Pillows, Couch Covers, Blankets, Art Squares, Portieres, Lace Curtains, etc., etc.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
The largest users of Red Southern Trading Stamps in the State.

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Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

SEABOARD

Air Line Railway.
The Exposition Line to Norfolk.

Direct and shortest line to the principal Cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No 44 at 1:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations, connecting at Hamlet with No. 41 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

No. 40 arrives 2:35 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 66 from Jacksonville, No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh and No. 81 from New York and Richmond.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n..	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n..	6:35 A. M.	3:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton ..	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet ..	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet ..	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. Monroe ..	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte ..	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north, and No. 38 for Raleigh and Portsmouth-Norfolk. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta, at Charlotte for Western Carolina Points.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh. N. C.

TO THE BEACH

Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M 11:25 P M	10:15 P M

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:15 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M 11:25 P M	10:15 P M

Carolina Place Schedule.
(Sundays)

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.

Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

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131 MARKET ST. GROCER.
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The Morning Star.

Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Monday, December 23:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 65 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 59 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .52; rainfall for the month, 2.26.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Sunday 8 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Tuesday, with snow in mountain district. Wednesday fair fresh west winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 24.

Sun Rises ....7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets .. ..4:50 P. M.
Day's Length .. .. ..9 hrs. 41 min.
High water at Southport 10:23 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 12:53 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. W. Wells, of Cronly, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. C. J. Brown, of Warsaw, was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Fred Powell, of Whiteville, spent Sunday in the city on a pleasure trip.

—Mr. R. E. Williams, of Belfast, Ga., is in the city on a visit to relatives and friends.

—Miss Alice DuBose, of Charlottesville, Va., is the guest of Miss Florence Kidder during the holidays.

—Mr. John C. Slocumb, Jr., left yesterday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Goldsboro.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Whitman, of Canton, Pa., are guests at the home of Mrs. F. W. Foster, No. 110 North Sixth street.

—Miss Carrie Sale Hardwick, who is at home from Buena Vista, Va., has as her guest for the holidays, Miss Louise Merriwether.

—Mr. S. P. Collier, Jr., commercial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Montgomery, Ala., spent Sunday and yesterday in the city.

—Among the home returning collegians for the holidays are: Messrs. Chesley Bellamy, Sidney McDonald, W. A. Wright and Emmet Bellamy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Miss Sadie Jones arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays at their country place, Airlie-on-the-Sound.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, Va., are in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. Borden's parents, Colonel and Mrs. John D. aTylor.

—Dr. T. C. Johnson, Sheriff A. S. Richardson, Donald McRackan, Esq., and Miss Pearl Fields, all of Whiteville, were among the Christmas shoppers in the city yesterday.

—The many friends of Mr. Charles G. McMillen, for the past several years engaged on the Isthmus of Panama, are glad to see him in the city for the holidays. He expects to return early in the new year.

—Mr. Marvin T. Brimmer, the popular young embalmer at the funeral parlors of Walter E. Yopp, left last night to spend the holidays at his old home at Danville, Va.

—Mrs. W. J. Cotton and daughter, Miss Bessie Latimer, arrived yesterday morning from the North to spend holidays in Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Ffoulkes accompanied them as far as Richmond, but later expect to visit in Wilmington during the holidays.

PYTHIAN CHRISTMAS TREE.

Clarendon Lodge Has Arranged Pretty Affair for Thursday Night.

One of the pleasant features of the Christmas holidays in Wilmington will be a Christmas tree in Pythian Castle Hall Thursday evening of this week by Clarendon Lodge No. 2. Handsomely printed invitations were mailed this week to members as follows:

Clarendon Lodge No. 2,
Knights of Pythias
Castle Hall, Wilmington, N. C.
The pleasure of your company is earnestly requested on Thursday
night, at 8:30 o'clock
Pythian Hall, Murchison Bank Building
to take part in the distribution
of presents to the children of the
members of this Lodge
Christmas Tree
Bring your wife and children.

The tree will mark a new departure in fraternal order circles of the city and the affair promises to be quite interesting for the older folks and delightful for the little ones.

TO WORK FOR CUSTOM HOUSE.

Committee From Chamber of Commerce to Urge Appropriation.

At the request of Collector B. F. Keith, who has his heart and soul in the project, President J. A. Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday appointed a committee to further in every way possible the bill recently introduced in the National Congress by Senator Overman appropriating $500,000 for a suitable Customs Building and United States Federal Court Room in Wilmington. The committee is composed of Collector Keith, chairman; Messrs. H. W. Malloy, Wm. E. Worth, L. B. Rogers and two others whose names will be added later.

It is pointed out that the present Congress will appropriate twenty million dollars for public buildings and there is no good reason why the needs of Wilmington should not be recognized in this budget. The committee will at once go to work with a will and may later visit Washington in their efforts for this appropriation.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. R. A. Burnett has reason to feel very proud of his luck turkey hunting one day last week. He went over the river in Brunswick county just across from the city, and bagged three very fine wild turkey.

—Tomorrow being a holiday, the Consolidated Company will operate the regular Sunday schedule on the suburban line for the convenience of patrons. There will be a car to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

—The suit brought by Professor J. J. Adkins, in Justice Furlong's court, against the Crystal Palace for services alleged to have been rendered, was dismissed after a hearing yesterday afternoon. The defendants, who were sued, were held to be due the plaintiff nothing.

—Mr. Owen Shepard, 58 years of age, a blind man who has earned a livelihood in various ways in Wilmington for the past several years on the streets, died Sunday morning at the James Walker Memorial Hospital where he had been under treatment for a week for paralysis. The remains were taken on the early morning train yesterday to Onslow county for interment.

—Owing to the fact that Mrs. Curtiss Arnall-North has been called to Georgia on account of the critical illness of her mother, the "story hour" of the Wilmington Public Library, appointed to be given in the parish house of St. James on Friday afternoon of this week, has been abandoned. The many friends of Mrs. North will hope that upon arriving at her old home, she will find the condition of her mother improved.

—Sunday's Winston Journal: "Upon information received here by telephone, J. P. David, a Syrian, was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Hutchins on the charge of forging a check in Greensboro for $150. David claims that the check was given to him in Wilmington by another Syrian. Deputy Sheriff J. J. Cofer carried David to Greensboro on the 4:35 o'clock train to answer the charge."

—George Wheeler, a young white man said to be a resident of the city at Third and Hanover streets, while walking out over the platform between the county jail and the engine house at Fourth and Princess streets, late last night, fell over into the pound and complained of being hurt between the shoulders. With a companion he was looking for a cow in the pound and in the darkness he stepped off the platform. He was sent to the hospital but is not believed to be seriously hurt.

—Mingo McIntyre, a notorious chicken thief and believed to be the negro who fired at and badly wounded an old colored man in Bellevue cemetery some time ago when he was surprised while picking a lot of chickens in the woods back of the cemetery, was placed in jail yesterday by his bondsman, William Henry Moore, who surrendered him to the sheriff. Mingo was tried in October before the Mayor for stealing chickens but had been out under bond until Moore had an idea Mingo was about to take wings himself and surrendered him.

"FIGHTING BOB" AND FISHER

Judge Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., Has Interesting Letter.

There is interest for a large number of Wilmington people and especially for the survivors of the terrible bombardment, in a communication recently received by Judge A. O. Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., from Admiral Rabley D. Evans, now in command of the Pacific fleet on its way to 'Frisco and a veteran of Fort Fisher, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, where he was thrice wounded. Judge Wright was at the recent reunion of the survivors in this city and soon after returning home wrote Admiral Evans that he believed he remembered the incident of his wounding and was of the opinion that he caused one of the men of his battery to desist from killing the Federal officer. Admiral Evans replied as follows:

"The chap who shot me at Fort Fisher hit me four times, and I downed him with my revolver after that as I thought he was getting too personal in his attentions. He was a sharpshooter in the angle of the work where we made our charge. He and I had some lively conversation during the shooting. So, old man, you did not save my life, but all the same I fully appreciate your good intentions, and I give you credit for them."

As the fleet passed down the Atlantic the other day from the wireless station in Jacksonville Judge Wright sent a very pleasant greeting to Admiral Evans, noting his presence in Southern waters again upon a momentous occasion.

MERCHANTS VERY CARELESS

Mayor Issues Second Notice to People Who Won't Close Stores.

Mayor Springer stated yesterday that he hardly thought after the notice through the papers last week that it would be necessary to again call the attention of merchants and business men to the importance of closing their stores and offices after work is over for the day, but yesterday morning the police after "trying the doors" on their beats downtown, found no less than five places open. The carelessness of business people in this respect, the Mayor says, is appalling. Very often some subordinate employe is entrusted with this important duty after hours and the result is that stores, business houses and actually in some instances banks are left unlocked long after 12 o'clock at night. With the large number of unemployed in the city just at present, the criminal instinct is strong and the Mayor says that it will be too late to close the stable when the horse is gone. One place last week was found open two nights in succession and that, too, when the man in charge had been notified the night before that his place of business was open. It is an imposition on the patrolmen on their beats to expect them to look after places left open through the carelessness of merchants or employes, and the Mayor says that no more of it will be done.

HOUSE OF LAMENTATION

Big Contingent of Offenders Before Mayor—Oscar Johnson Held.

An even two dozen delinquents greeted the Mayor at the Monday session of the police court yesterday. Oscar Johnson, the negro charged with cutting the throat of young James Brockett at foot of Brunswick street Saturday night two weeks ago, was held under bonds of $200 and $250 respectively in each of two cases for an attempted highway robbery and an assault with intent to kill. Johnson entered a general denial of the chrage but young Brockett swore positively that when he and the negro quit work that night they started home together and when the dark corner at foot of Brunswick street was reached, the negro asked to borrow his knife and when it was handed over, a demand was made for his money and then his throat was cut. The negro was not represented by counsel and asked several questions of the young white man all to no purpose. He was sent immediately over to jail to wait the January term of court.

Three young negroes charged with gambling in a house in Brooklyn Saturday night and rounded up by Mounted Officers F. George and W. R. Appleberry were each sent to the higher court as was also Boyd Graham, colored, for carrying a concealed weapon. Six white and colored defendants charged with the premature explosion of fireworks were taxed with the costs. Several street urchins charged with the same offence, were remanded to their parents for a thrashing. Other cases were of the usual order of drunks and disorderly conduct.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PORT

Steamer in For Cotton—Schooner With Cargo of Salt—Notes.

The schooner Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Captain Dodd, arrived in port yesterday from New York. She brings cargo of salt for discharge at the Carolina Central wharves. The vessel is reported by C. D. Maffitt.

The cotton fleet at the Champion Compress of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son was recruited by the arrival of the fifth steamer for cargo yesterday. The latest arrival is the British ship Silver Wings, 1,826 tons, Captain Morgan, from Marseilles, France, via Norfolk. She took a berth at the compress yesterday.

The river steamer C. W. Lyon was in port yesterday from the Upper Cape Fear with a large party of Christmas shoppers on board. The wharf of the steamer presented a gay and festive scene as the steamer cleared for the return trip yesterday evening. Christmas jugs were in evidence and a wag remarked that if there was any scarcity of water up in the prohibition territory there was enough "booze" on board to float the steamer comfortably.

The Theories of the Prohibitionists.

The honest and sincere men and women enlisted in the great temperance cause mean to do good, but usually they go the wrong way about it. Instead of a campaign of education on broad lines to improve and to reform those who need it, and bad social conditions, which will be reformed anyway, the prohibitionists for half a century have been trying to change men's habits, tastes, and customs by simply changing the laws. The result has been almost a total failure, so far as practical results are concerned.

Now, the prohibitionists and temperance leaguers are making a great mistake by going into politics, and by trying to accomplish ideal ends by political means. The politicians will use them as long as they gain by it, but decent people will repudiate the alliance.

If prohibition is making such great gains, and if the country is going "dry," the production and consumption of whisky, beer, and wine do not show it. Thus, according to the Internal Revenue statistics, for the last fiscal year of 1906-07, the consumption of whisky was 11,409,252 gallons more than in the previous fiscal year; the consumption of beer in 1906-07 was 3,894,474 barrels more than in 1905-06; the consumption of wine and champagne in 1906-07 was 12,500,000 gallons more than in the previous fiscal year.—American Wine Press.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are every troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

DIED.

McLAURIN—At the family home in this city, Monday, December 23rd, 1907, JOHN McLAURIN, in the 76th year of his age.

Funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the late residence, No. 619 Orange street; thence to Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

QUELCH—At the family home in this city on Monday, December 23rd, 1907, at 7:40 P. M., BERTRAM QUELCH, JR., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Quelch, aged two years, two months and twenty-four days.

Funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from family residence, No. 606 Walnut street; thence to Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances of the family respectfully invited to attend.

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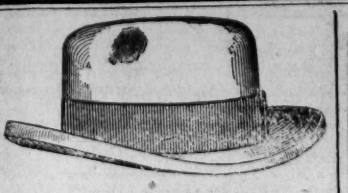

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TWO DEAD; THIRD DYING.

Fatal Pistol Duel in Barber Shop at Kershaw, S. C.

(Special to News and Courier.)

Lancaster, Dec. 22.—As the result of a difficulty in Kershaw between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, two prominent young business men of the town are dead and a third seriously, if not fatally, wounded.

The facts as learned here today are that Steve Welsh, who was manager of the Health Supply Company, and Van Mungo, another young man who of the Heath Supply Company, and some words in Wilson's barber shop, but they soon made up and shook hands.

The reconciliation was quickly followed by an altercation between Welsh and Berry Mobley, a young man also connected with the Carson store. Thomas Clyburn, head clerk of the Heath Supply Company, interceded as peace-maker when suddenly Welsh and Mobley drew pistols and began firing at each other, Welsh, it is said, firing the first shot.

Clyburn and Welsh were instantly killed, both being shot in the body, Welsh receiving three bullets and Clyburn two. Mobley was shot twice, one ball entering the breast and the other the throat. He is still alive, though his condition is critical.

The killing of Clyburn was clerly an accident. The impression is that he was killed by bullets from the pistol of Welsh, who was his first cousin and personal friend.

Clyburn was a son of Hon. W. U. Clyburn, of Haile Gold Mine, and was about 25 years old. He was a student at Clemson at one time. His mother was in Charlotte at the time of the tragedy. He leaves a widow, having married about a year ago.

Welsh was a son of the late Capt. James V. Welsh, of Kershaw, and was about 28 years old. He was unmarried.

Mobley, the desperately wounded man is a son of W. B. Mobley, of Lancaster.

MARRIED AT BOLTON.

Miss Ellen Maria Sherry and Mr. C. E. Short Are Wedded.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Bolton, N. C., Dec. 23.—Scarcely ever was this district graced by such a pretty wedding as that of Mr. C. E. Short and Miss Ellen Maria Sherry, which took place on Sunday at the temporary Catholic chapel here. The entire community was well represented.

The bride had Mrs. E. Carpenter as bridesmaid and Mr. E. Carpenter served the groom as best man. The building in which the marriage took place was tastefully decorated with evergreens and berry. The Rev. William Hannon, of Wilmington, united the pair in holy matrimony and preached at the mass which succeeded, his sermon having been on the marriage tie as represented in the Old Testament, its sacramental character and indissolubility in the new dispensation.

Many appropriate presents were received as the happy pair are well and favorably known in a wide circle of friends. The bride was attired in white silk tulle that showed to advantage. Mrs. Meir presided at the organ. The bridal party left by the noon train for Wilmington.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. S. Leveque, Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Mier, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Merinas, Mr. and Mrs. Spiers, Mr. and Master Gier, Mr. and Mrs. Groff and many others.

WEDDED AT CURRIE.

Miss Lucy Jane Brinson Bride of Mr. Willie H. Turner.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Currie, N. C., Dec. 23.—An event of much interest to friends of this place and elsewhere was that which joined in marriage Miss Lucy Jane Brinson and Mr. Willie Hampton Turner, of Willard, N. C., at the home of the bride's parents at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends by the Rev. J. T. Hocutt. The bride was attended as maid of honor by her sister, Miss Minnie Brinson, the groom's best man being Mr. Marshall Stallings, of Wallace, N. C. The other attendants were Miss Winnie Turner, sister of the groom, with Mr. O. D. Malpass; Miss Ida Malpass with Prof. H. F. Brinson, brother of the bride. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of grey panama with hat and gloves to match. The maid of honor and other attendants wore white with blue ribbons. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, after which the bride and groom left for the home of the groom's parents, near Willard.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brinson and for her charming personality she is much loved and admired in a wide circle of friends. The groom is a prosperous young farmer and numbers his friends by the score. The happiest congratulations of all present. Mr. and Mrs. Turner will be at home to friends at Willard, N. C., after January 1st, 1908.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS HERE

Conference With Mr. Henry Walters of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. H. H. Cumming, general counsel, and Mr. Thomas K. Scott, general manager of the Georgia Railroad, and Mr. J. R. Lamar, general counsel, of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad, in both of which the Coast Line is largely interested, were in the city yesterday for a conference with Mr. Henry Walters, of the A. C. L. They spent the day at the general offices of the company and later went down to Mr. Pembroke Jones' place on the Sound where they were entertained during the afternoon.

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THAT EXTRA SESSION.

Governor Talked Upon His Return to Raleigh Last Light.

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—On the return to the city tonight, Gov. Glenn was asked as to any developments relative to the pending railroad rate compromise. He said he has received no further information as to the probability of Virginia coming into the compromise proposed between this State and the Southern and other railroads, but he added the significant remark, that after all the accentance on the part of Virginia is not essential for the completion of the compromise as it would apply to North Carolina.

It has been understood that both Virginia and Tennessee must join with North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama in the compromise rates before the matter could be settled, the Legislature called and the litigation in this State stopped. This seems not to be the case according to the Governor's latest intimation, so a call for an extra session of the Legislature with accompanying address to the people of the State may be expected from the Executive office at any time.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE

National Concert Company, a Top Liner—Offering at Theatre.

The largest audience of the season witnessed the performances at the Crystal Palace last night and the crush to see the evening productions has become so great that the management is advising patrons to come in the afternoon when possible. Last night the doors had to be closed before the performance began. The drawing card is the National Concert Company, consisting of four vaudeville people of the higher class who arrived on Sunday. They are drawing cards and all are invited to see them afternoon and night today. The programme now offered at this popular place of amusement is as follows:

Overture .. ..Orchestra
Miss Violett Williams .. ..
.. ..Dancing Soubrette
Chas. Risley ....Monologue and Songs
Songs, Etc. .. ..Trio
National Concert Co..One Act Comedy
"The Black Statue."
Moving Pictures .....Cry-pal-o-scope

Doors are open promptly on time and the afternoon productions are especially recommended to the public.

MR. AND MRS. QUELCH BEREAVED

Youngest Child and Only Son Passed Away Early Last Night.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Quelch will tenderly sympathize with them in the death of their youngest child and only son, Bertram, Jr., aged two years, two months and 24 days, who passed away after a brief illness last night at the faimly home, No. 606 Walnut street, at 7:40 o'clock. The little one had been sick only a week and it was only within the past day or two that his condition was considered at all serious. The death came as a sad blow to the devoted parents to whom the sympathy of a very great many friends is poured out. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's church, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

PRETTY BLACK MAIL THIS.

Young Man Wrote Threatening Letter to Winston Man.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 23.—The arrest and trial this afternoon of W. W. Watkins, a young white man formerly of Tennessee, on a charge of writing a blood-thirsty letter to Cicero Tise, one of the city's leading citizens, caused a distinct sensation. Saturday Tise, received a letter, the writer threatening his life unless he left $100 under a certain tree. It was filled with vile epithets. Watkins was tried before a magistrate, who held probable cause. The defendant went to jail in default of $500 bond.

He has been working for the United States Veneering Co., for five months.

XMAS TREE AT SCOTT'S HILL.

Pleasant Affair in Methodist Church Friday Evening.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Scott's Hill, N. C., Dec. 23.—There will be an Xmas tree at Scott's Hill Methodist Church Friday evening, December the 27th, instant, at half past seven o'clock. The superintendent, Mr. May Foy, will deliver the opening address. Mr. R. K. Bryan will also deliver an address. The choir has arranged special music for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend.

HELPLESS BODY IN WAGON

Prominent Winston-Salem Man is Shot to Death.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 23.—With his lifeless body in the wagon, the team of J. Bennett Swain an aged and prominent citizen of Forsyth county reached his home near Winston-Salem tonight.

He had been shot to death.

Investigation threw suspicion upon Russ Datewood and Moses McKnight, 18 years old youths who under the influence of liquor, were returning from a hunting trip. Both men were arrested and held without bail pending an investigation.

Later tonight it developed that the defendants shot and seriously wounded a negro Dave Helton prior to the Swayne tragedy. Indignation is intense.

State Treasurer and Bank Examiner Robert E. Park, after an examination of the Neal Bank at Atlanta, Ga., which failed to open yesterday, said that he believed the depositors would eventually lose nothing. Mr. Park said that the report made by the assistant examiners will not be made public until his regular report is published. President Thornton is confident that all depositors will be paid in full. No other banks in this city have been affected.

WARM WIRELETS.

M. Gude, formerly minister of Norway and Sweden to Denmark, has been appointed to succeed the late H. C. Hauge, as minister of Norway to the United States.

The Bank of Calistoga, Sonoma county, Colo., closed its doors yesterday afternoon. Its capital is $50,000. On July 31, it had deposits of $175,314. H. H. Brown, President of the bank says the institution was closed on account of the financial stringency and that it will soon resume.

The excavation from the line of the Panama Canal last month, aggregating 1,838,486 cubic yards would have covered ten city blocks to a depth of forty feet. No such work has ever been done before, as Colonel Goethal has been doing on the Isthmus, according to statistic printed in the official canal record just received.

January 13 is the date set for the trial of the land fraud cases in Oregon. This announcement was made last night by Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, the special representative of the Department of Justice, who has for some time been investigating the Oregon Land fraud cases and who will assist in conducting the trial of these cases.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury last night in the case of Engineer Holder and Conductor Hoffmeyer, Fireman McCellan and Brakeman Rudder, the trains crew who were indicted for manslaughter in connection with the wreck at Terra Cotta, D. C., on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad December 30, 1906, in which forty-three persons were killed and upward of three score injured.

Hugo C. Voecks, brother of Elsie Voecks, in whose behalf charges were brought against Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian at New York, pleaded guilty to an indictment alleging extorting, before Judge Rosalsky yesterday, and was remanded for sentence today. Voecks is accused of obtaining $1,000 from Hitchcock for keeping quiet concerning the charges brought against the actor.

The request for an examination of the New Orleans State National Bank's resources and liabilities yesterday followed the resignation of William Adler as President. Mr. Adler is the head of the firm of A. Adler & Company, a large wholesale grocery firm, which today issued a statement that it had met with financial difficulties. Recently Mr. Adler went to New York on a trip in connection with the financial end of the grocery firm. C. H. Culberson, who has for many years been the vice president and Cashier of the State National Bank, has been elected President to succeed Mr. Adler.

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

The Australian water lizard walks erect.

The tree frogs of South America sing as musically as birds.

Sheep in time of famine eat the wool from one another's backs.

Gamecocks sometimes take to catching mice, which they devour greedily.

An eagle can live twenty-eight days without food, while a condor is said to be easily able to fast for forty days.

A decapitated snail kept in a moist place will, it is claimed, in a few weeks grow a new head quite as serviceable and good looking as that which was taken away.

The chameleon's eyes are situated in bony sockets projecting from the head. By this curious contrivance the peculiar little animal can see in any direction without the slightest motion save of the eye.

Ivory as a Tonic.

"Some physicians," said a druggist, "give an infusion of ground ivory and milk in the spring to stimulate and strengthen listless patients. It is a good remedy, for all I know to the contrary. Certainly it is an ancient one."

He opened a medical magazine and pointed to this quotation from Schroder's Zoology, a work published in 1637:

"Elephas (elephant)—His teeth are only used in medicine and vulgarly called ivory. The virtues: It cools and dryes, moderately binds cuts, strengthens the inward parts. It is good for the jaundice, it takes away pains and weakness of the stomach, it heals the epileptic, resists poysons, drives off spring melancholie. The dose is half a dram."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

His Was Harder.

It was in a country tavern, where a newly arrived commercial traveler was holding forth.

"I'll bet my case of samples," he said, "that I've got the hardest name of anybody in this room."

An old farmer in the background shifted his feet. "Ye will, will ye?" he drawled. "Waal, I'll have to take ye up. I'll bet $10 against your samples that my name'll beat yourn."

"Done," cried the salesman. "I've got the hardest name. It is Stone."

The old man was game.

"Mine," he said, "is Harder."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Starting It Early.

Starting with his bride on their honeymoon, a man entered a railway office and, as always in the past, bought only one ticket.

The bride noticed the oversight at once.

"Why, you bought only one ticket, dear," she said.

"That's so, dear," he answered. "I forgot all about myself."—Tit-Bits.

An Expert Accountant.

"Do you not think, Miss Smiles," he pleaded, "that in time you might learn to love me?"

"Possibly," the girl replied. "If you could render me a statement of what you are worth, Mr. Giles, I might learn to love you. I'm very quick at figures."—London Mail.

The jury in the trial of W. L. Sims at Birmingham, Ala., retired last night without returning a verdict. Judge O. R. Hundley delivered his charge late in the afternoon after the arguments had been finished, and gave the case to the jury. Sims is charged with knowingly aiding and abetting Alex R. Chisolm in the embezzlement of $97,000 from the First National Bank of Birmingham. He was formerly local manager of a New Orleans brokerage house.

HEALTHY PLANTS

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Did you ever see a rosebush which—despite the most beneficent environment of soil—of sunshine—and of atmosphere,—seemed never to achieve a healthy growth.

A ton of manure will not help a plant that has a canker eating out its heart.

You must destroy the cause before you can remove the effect.

You cannot cure Dandruff and Baldness by rubbing on hair lotions, and rubbing in vaseline, etc.

You must look to the cause of the trouble—it's a germ at the roots of your hair which causes it to fall out.

Newbro's Herpicide destroys the germ, and healthy hair is the sure result.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

FOUND—In front of Express office last night, Christmas package addressed to Marquette, Mich. Owner may recover same by applying at this office, describing property and paying for this advertisement. de 24-1t

JUST WHAT HE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS—I have two pair of Mexican burros. Will sell cheap for cash. E. L. Hinton. de 24 1t*

FOR SALE—Two suits black walnut furniture. Can be seen at 402, corner Second and Walnut streets. de 20 6t

HOLLY, CEDAR, BAMBOO, Etc., for Christmas decorations. A large lighter load at Orange street dock. Xmas trees with floor stand, ready to set up from 50c up. All holly beautifully berried. de 22 2t

WANTED — Boarders to occupy large, well furnished rooms with excellent table fare. Have also some rooms suitable for light house-keeping. Apply at 402, corner of Second and Walnut streets. dec 20 6t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

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S. S. Navahoe...Friday, Dec. 20, 1907
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Nothing in the way of a Christmas gift will give so much pleasure to so many for so long a time as an Edison Phonograph. The enjoyment it affords is the kind that lasts and the kind that every member of the family appreciates. It is a gift, not for the time being, but for all time, taking on a new interest with every new record.

The Phonograph sings, plays, or talks. It means as much to the little folks as to the grown folks. Just now the eternal question is. "What shall the Christmas present be?" The answer is, "An Edison Phonograph."

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$104,000.00

in our keeping. Our total assets now amount to nearly Two Million Dollars, yet we are seeking new accounts for the new year, and are prepared to care for your own.

The Southern National Bank
dec 22 tf

What's the Use

of paying more for an article through prejudice, than you can buy for less, that's just as good?

Take Whiskey, for Instance.

We make but one charge—just for whiskey—that's all. When you pay more than we ask for our whiskey you are being taxed for something else besides the whiskey.

Now "WHAT'S THE USE" of you paying an excess to anybody for imaginary superiority—when we have the same goods, but are content through immense volumes of sales, to break even on profits—instead of "hikeing up" the price beyond the point of giving you value received.

"CHESTERFIELD" products are "AS GOOD AS THE BEST FOR LESS." That's the reason "CHESTERFIELD" Whiskies are popular.

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Southern Distilling Co.
M. SELIGMAN, MANAGER.
Phone 248 for quick delivery. se 22-tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Pilot Mountain, Dec. 23.—The factories and tobacco warehouses closed Saturday for the Christmas holidays after one of the most successful business years in their industry; and the merchants are crowded with their usual holiday shoppers from both town and country.

Greensboro, Dec. 22.—While at the depot Saturday afternoon seeing a friend off on a train, Mr. M. S. Jeffreys had his pocket picked, the wad containing over $100. A part of it was in silver, a part in bills and the rest in scrip. He did not miss it until after he left the depot. Mr. Jeffreys is a butcher and was carrying the money in a shot bag.

—High Point, Dec. 23.—The officers yesterday again received word from Asheboro notifying them that parties burned the barn of a Mr. Coltrane, in Grant township, where three schoolhouses have been burned within the past year. It seems to be the work of incendiaries who are destroying property out of spite for some grievance they have against the people. Only Wednesday a school house was burned in this district.

—Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—Safe crackers blew open the safe of Mr. David McGregor at Ruby, S. C., Saturday night, a small town just across the line from this county but they did not find much money as they only secured about fifteen dollars. Some strangers were arrested here today on suspicion of being the parties who blew the safe but they were turned loose as they gave a very good account of themselves.

—Statesville, Dec. 23.—The turning on of electric power in Statesville last week marks the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the manufacturing interests of the city. The power is furnished by the Southern Company and is transmitted from the company's plant at Great Falls, S. C., a distance of 104 miles. The turning on of the power was also the realization of an event that has been looked forward to and ardently desired for several months. It was to have been turned on early in the summer but the work was delayed by delayed shipments of material.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.—A man by the name of Barber, residing at Oak Ridge, picked up a piece of paper from the floor of his residence Sunday morning and threw it in the fire. To his astonishment there was a dynamite cap in the paper and it exploded, a piece of the cap striking Mr. Barber on the thigh. Dr. H. T. Bahnson, of this city, was summoned to Oak Ridge to give the wounded man medical attention. One of the arteries in the leg was severed. Dr. Bahnson reported Mr. Barber to be resting very well.

—Hamlet, Dec. 22.—Mr. T. G. Smith who had the misfortune of having one of his eyes accidentally knocked out a short while ago, was on Saturday taken to Raleigh and placed in a hospital and Dr. Lewis will remove the injured member. This was necessary in order to save his life.——Mr. J. S. Smith, a workman on the railroad yards here had one arm broken and otherwise badly bruised yesterday by having a car load of coal dumped on him. He was under the trestle work of the coal chute doing some work and the shifting engine came up with a load of coal, and the door in the bottom of the car was opened and the entire load fell upon Mr. Smith which completely buried him. He managed to push his way out, but was unconscious, and a physician was summoned. He is doing nicely and will be out in a few days.

—Charlotte Observer: The re-arrest and trial of Mr. Percy G. Fonville on the charge of being implicated in the defalcation of Franc H. Jones, former teller of the Charlotte National Bank, is an admitted probability, depending however entirely upon the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States as to the admission of Jones' testimony. If such does come to pass it will be in connection with the trial of Mr. C. Boyce Bell, of this city, for an alleged connection with the affair. It is understood that District Attorney A. F. Holton is now fathering a scheme by which he can have the two tried under the aspect of the evidence of Jones upon which he relies largely for a conviction. Intimations to this effect have been heard since the recent term of Federal Court in this city, but the situation failed to reduce itself to tangible and printable form until the last day or so, when the story assumed the appearance of being authoritative.

—Asheville, Dec. 23.—John A. Roebling and family will leave Asheville in February after a residence here of ten years. Mr. Roebling assigns his departure to the voting of Asheville "dry" in October. He says he regards Prohibition as detrimental to the city's future welfare. He says, however, in this connection that he wishes it understood that no personal feeling enters for a moment into his purpose, that it is simply a matter of principle. Mr. Roebling is a son of Colonel Washington A. Roebling, the builder of the famous Brooklyn bridge and a man well endowed with this world's goods. He is liberal and has always responded generously and cheerfully to all calls of charity. In leaving Asheville he donated to the home mission board of the North Presbyterian church his magnificent estate in Victoria, known as "Exauxchenes," where he intended erecting an elegant mansion. The property is worth many thousands of dollars. Mr. Roebling is a splendid citizen and his many friends regret that he is to leave and especially that he has assigned Prohibition in Asheville as the cause.

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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for full name and look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

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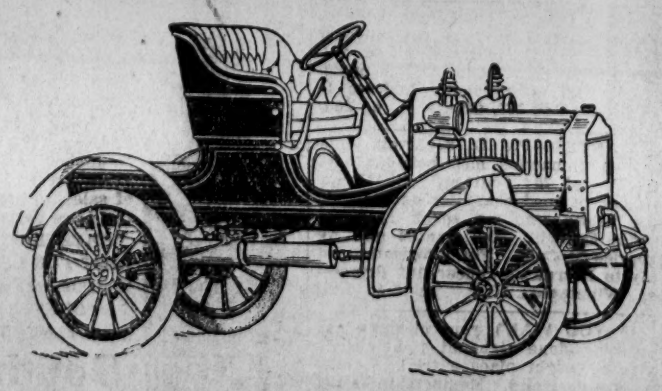

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FRANK HERBST Sole Agent.

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK
Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90
Liabilities:		
Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
H. C. McQUEEN,
Directors.

dec 6-tf.

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by making one gift do for the whole family. The one gift that will answer this purpose is the installation of electric lights in your home. Let us give you an estimate. If you have lights already you might buy an electric portable or pretty fixture. We have also gas portables, medical batteries, Christmas tree lights, toy motors and electric flash lights.

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No. 215 Princess Street.

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Schedule Steamer Atlantic

Effective September 1st.

Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2-30 o'clock P. M.

M. T. CRAIG,
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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:
D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

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Depends on the Gun. If you have a good gun, you will find no fault with your shooting.

Lefever Guns are Good.

We have them in prices from $25.00 to $45.00.

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from $18.00 to $45.00 They are good too.

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XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
dec 12 to jan 1 Raleigh, N. C.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil'ton	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	43
Rosin	817
Tar	271
Crude Turpentine	47

Receipts same day las year 43 casks spirits turpentine; 229 barrels rosin; 408 barrels tar; 179 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 10 13-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,992 bales, same day last year 2,619 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market was not active but ruled easier and closed barely steady at a net decline of 15 to 17 points. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of 10 to 11 points, with December showing the greatest loss under some scattered liquidation. Cables were about as due and during the early session prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Later, however, the market weakened owing to weakness in New Orleans and New Orleans selling orders which were supposed to reflect unsettled conditions and the market showed a net loss of about 18 to 20 points during the forenoon.

The close was only 3 or 4 points up from the lowest on the active months. Higher money rates and unfavorable trade reports seemed to be the chief factors and rumors that cotton on the docks awaiting inspection was being storm damaged and that there might not be a delivery on December contracts were not accompanied by any special demand for the December option. The old December bulls bought some January during the day but some of the scattering long interest in the position seemed to be liquidadating as though apprehensive of deliveries on contract. Trading was at no time general as smaller accounts appeared to have been pretty well evened up for over the holidays.

Receipts at the ports today were 48,789 bales, against 61,232 bales last week, and 48,164 bales last year. For the week 350,000 bales against 400,215 bales last week and 311,500 bales last year.

Spot steady, 10 points lower; middling uplands 11.70; middling gulf 11.95; sales 3,625 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed barely steady:

December	11.06	11.00
January	10.40	10.32
February		10.44
March	10.47	10.54
April	10.68	10.56
May	10.72	10.58
June		10.58
July	10.69	10.55
August	10.36	10.36
October	11.10	11.10

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 11 1-2; net receipts 13,208.

New Orleans—Easy, 11 1-4; net receipts 13,018.

Mobile—Quiet, 11; net receipts 2,763.

Savannah—Dull, 10 13-16; net receipts 11,709.

Charleston—Net receipts 1,436.

Wilmington—Steady, 11; net receipts 2,992.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-4; net receipts 3,434.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-2.

New York—Steady, 11.70.

Boston—Steady, 11.70; net receipts 101.

Philadelphia—Steady, 11.95; net receipts 11.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 48,786; Great Britain 25,400; France 1,886; Continent 49,991; stocks 974,220.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 103,400; Great Britain 44,640; France 6,904; Continent 61,895.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,564,864; Great Britain 1,468,532; France 325,537; Continent 1,530,814; Japan 5,403; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 11 3-8; net receipts 12,765.

Augusta—Quiet, 11 11-16; net receipts 1,733.

Memphis—Steady, 11 3-8; net receipts 6,219.

St. Louis—Quiet, 11 5-8; net receipts 720.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,136.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-2.

Little Rock—Firm, 11; net receipts 1,327.

Total today—Net receipts 23,900; gross receipts 28,454; shipments 23,965; sales 1,541; stocks 295,598.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Cotton: Spot quiet; prices two points lower. American middling, fair, 6.76; good middling 6.40; middling 6.14; low middling 5.80; good ordinary 5.38; ordinary 4.88.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 4,600 American. Receipts 2,000 bales, including 1,600 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed easy. American middling G. O. C.: December 5.66 1-2; December and January 5.66 1-2; January and February 5.67 1-2; February and March 5.68; March and April 5.69; April and May 5.70; May and June 5.70 1-2; June and July 5.70; July and August 5.66 1-2; August and September 5.58; September and October 5.47; October and November 5.37.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The dry goods market shows more steadiness but trade is quiet. For today the opening was hampered by a heavy storm. Foreign dress goods will be opened at the prices prevailing last year. Raw silks show slight changes from the market of last week.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The tightening of the money market today gave the unmistakable warning to the speculative element of the necessity of caution in using borrowed funds. The warning was heeded and the market lapsed into a condition of semi-stagnation in consequence. The rise in the call money rate did not seem to force any large amount of selling of stocks directly. The selling was ascribed for the most of professional operators who bought last week in anticipation of the good bank statement but who were disappointed with the paucity of the outside demand attracted into the market today.

Attention centered almost exclusively on the money market and it was concluded that the large recuperation effected by the banks last week had not yet put them in any position to discontinue the process of renovation in view of the still existing deficit of 31,751 below the legal requirement.

The closing of a bank in Atlanta and notice of assistance to be tendered after investigation by the Clearing House, to a bank in New Orleans, made a bad impression. There is some anxiety over the outlook for the Government fiscal operations, the decline in the revenues pointing to the early necessity for the use by the government of some of the funds on deposit with the national banks. The money stringency caused a downward plunge in the sterling exchange rate and more gold was engaged in London for import.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value $1,306,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today 245,300 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call strong 6 to 25 per cent., ruling rate 25; offered at 6 per cent. Time loans quiet sixty days 12 to 15; and ninety days 10 to 12 per cent. Six months 8 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 7 1-2 to 8 per cent; sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8505 to 4.8510 for demand and at 4.80 to 4.8005 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.79. Bar silver 52 3-4. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	60
American Tobacco Co. 6s	94 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	85
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	96
L. & N. Unified 4s	94
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65
Southern Railway 5s	94 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	84

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	45 3-4
American Car Foundry	30 3-8
American Car Foundry pfd	86@90
American Cotton Oil Co	28
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	37
American Smelting & Ref	71 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	90
American Sugar Refining	99
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	69
Atchison	70 1-2
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	67@70
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	82 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	81 7-8
Chesapeake & Ohio	30 3-8
Kansas City Southern	24
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N	91 3-8
New York Central	91 1-4
Norfolk & Western	64
Norfolk & Western pfd	72@71
Pennsylvania	111 3-8
People's Gas	78
Reading	94 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd	74
Rock Island Co	15 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	29
Southern Pacific	72 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	108 3-8
Southern Railway	13
Southern Railway pfd	38 3-4
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	25 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd	87 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical	16
Ca.-Car. Chemical pfd	85@92
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	430
Western Union	55

See Dick Warren about your fruit cake; 1,800 lbs, in stock. Warren's Steam Bakery. 3t

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Flour—Quiet and about steady.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat flour—Steady.

Corn meal—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.04 1-2 elevator. Options 1 3-8c net lower; December 1.06 1-2; May 1.11 1-2; July 1.04 3-4.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 72 elevator. Options unchanged, December 71; May 66 7-8.

Oats—Spot barely steady; mixed 54 1-2.

Lard—Steady; refined easy.

Pork—Firm; mess 14.65 to 15.50.

Tallow—Steady; city 53.

Rice—Steady.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molesses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1-8; Santos No. 4, 8c. Mild coffee—Steady, Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures net 5 points higher to 5 points lower.

Cotton seed oil—Quiet and about steady. Prime crude quiet; prime summer yellow 37 1-2; off summer yellow 36 to 37; off summer yellow 37 3-4; prime white 37 1-2 to 40; prime winter yellow 46 to 52.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady; cotton by steam 20c; grain by steam 2 1-2.

Peanuts—Steady, fancy handpicked 5; other domestic 3 to 7 1-4.

Butter—Strong. Creamery specials, 30; extras 29 to 29 1-2.

Cheese—Firm; receipts, 1,600. State full cream, small, colored and white, fine, 15 3-4.

Eggs—Easy; receipts, 4,270. Seats Pennsylvania anl nearby fancy selected whites 42 to 45.

Potatoes—Weak; Bermuda second crop, per bbl. 2.25 to 2.50; Maine per sack 1.75 to 2.25; Long Island per barrel 2.25 to 2.50; state and western per sack 1.85 to 2.50; Jersey 1.75 to 2.50; Jersey sweets per barrel 2.50 to 3.50; Southern 2.00 to 3.00.

Cabbages—Steady; Danish seed per ton 10.00 to 12.00; Domestic 8.00 to 10.00.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Lower prices at Liverpool had a depressing effect today in the local wheat market, the May delivery closing at a net loss of 1 3-8 to 1 1-2. Corn was off 1-8. Oats were 1-4c lower. Provisions were down 5 to 10 cents.

Leading features closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 97 7-8; May 1.05; July 97 1-4.

Corn—Dec. 57 1-4; May 57 3-4; July 56 3-4.

Oats—May, old 53 1-2; May, new 52; July, old 47 1-4; July, new 45.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.65; May 13.12 1-2.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—JaJn. 7.72 1-2; May 7.85.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 6.72 1-2; May 7.07 1-2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

No. 2 spring wheat—1.08 to 1.12; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.11; No. 2 red 97 5-8 to 99 1-4.

No. 2 corn—55 1-2 to 58 1-2; No. 2 yellow 63 1-2 to 64.

No. 2 oats—48 7-8; No. 3 white 47 to 51.

Short Ribs, Sides (loose)—6.62 1-2 to 7.25.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—12.21 1-2 to 12.25.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—7.87 1-2.

Short Clear Sides (boxed)—7.00 to 7.12 1-2.

Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Rosin, quiet; turpentine easy at 45 1-2.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm, 41 1-2; sales 606; receipts 944; shipments 28.

Rosin, firm; sales 2,099; receipts 3,260; shipments 757; stock 113,050. Quote: A B C, 2.75 to 2.80; D, 2.75 to 2.80; E, 2.80 to 2.90; F, 2.90 to 2.95; G, 2.90 to 2.95; H, 2.95 to 3.00; I, 3.50; K, 4.45; M, 5.25; N, 5.95; W G, 6.00; W W, 6.00 to 6.25.

Charleston, Dec. 23.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. Str. Silver Wings, 1,826 tons, Morgan; Marseilles, via Norfolk, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Navahoe, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. C. W. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

Schr. Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

CLEARED.

Str. C. W. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—446 bales cotton; 20 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—809 bales cotton; 16 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,378 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 29 barrels rosin; 69 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—251 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 16 barrels rosin; 42 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—69 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 6 barrels rosin; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—9 casks spirits turpentine; 81 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—39 bales cotton; 16 casks spirits turpentine; 63 barrels rosin; 111 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Raft—622 barrels rosin.

Total—2,992 bales cotton; 43 casks spirits turpentine; 817 barrels rosin; 271 barrels tar; 47 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ness, (Br.), 1,963 tons, Page, Heide & Co.

Arroyo, (Br.), 2,307 tons, Clough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Dacre Hill, (Br.) 1,714 tons, Kendall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Henrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

E. Marie Brown, 378 tons, Brown, C. D. Maffitt.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness anl all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

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STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23
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If a buyer, a prospective buyer or an admirer of pretty furniture, you are cordially invited to call and see our goods. It is a pleasure to show them.
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We have some extra specials in Rockers, Ladies' Desks, China Cabinets, Buffets, Leather Couches, Leather Chairs and Art Squares, odd dressers and Chiffoniers in Birds Eye, Mahogany and Oak.
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FORMAL CALL BY MR. TAGGERT

Chairman of National Democratic Committee Issues Announcment For Big Event.

NAMES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Each State Can Have Double the Number of Delegates It Has Senators and Representatives in Congress.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 23.—Chairman Thomas Taggart, of the Democratic National Committee issued formal announcement of the action of the committee in selecting July 7, as the time and Denver as the place for holding the next Nationa Convention.

As to the delegates the announcement says: "Each State is entitled to representation equal to double the number of its Senators and Representatives in Congress.

"Each Territory, Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii and Porto Rico, shall have six delegates. All Democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations or differences, who can unite with us in the effort for a pure, economical constitutional government, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

Mr. Taggart also announced the following special committee on arrangement for the National Convention:

Roger Sullivan, Chicago; James C. Dahlman, Omaha; Normal E. Mack, Buffalo; R. M. Johnston, Houston, Texas; John T. McGraw, Grafton, W. Va.; John M. Osborne, Rawlings, Wyo.; Clark Howell, Atlanta, Ga.

TRIAL OF CALEB POWERS.

W. J. Davidson Has Returned and Will Go on Witness Stand.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 23.—The seventh week of the trial of Caleb Powers, for alleged complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, opened today.

Police Judge J. N. Hubbard, of Grayson, Ky., was re-called to identify a letter written by him to Powers, which embodied the substance of his sensational testimony given Saturday relative to the plan to kill Goebel outlined to him by Youtsey. The letter was written by Judge Hubbard to Powers while the latter was in the Newport jail.

J. L. Hopkins the next witness gave equally sensational testimony recounting a conversation he had with Youtsey in the Agricultural building, two days before Goebel was shot, in which Youtsey said: "I sent to Cincinnati for some cartridges that will fix him (meaning Goebel), and I will give $100 to any man who will fire the shot. But if I can't get anybody else to do the work, I will do it myself."

Albert Belton in whose possession was found the Martin rifle with which Goebel was shot, was on the stand today to identify and trace the gun. Melton identified the weapon by its number, but was unable to say positively who gave it to him. Directly after the shooting of Goebel, Melton went into the hall of the Executive building where several persons were gathered about the door of Caleb Powers' office, from which the shot was fired. Some person handed the gun to Melton during the excitement. He thought the man who gave him the gun was a person who had been pointed out to him as "Youtsey" but was not positive.

An interesting turn in the trial is the arrival here of W. J. Davidson, Assistant Secretary of State under Powers, and before that Superintendent of Public Instruction under Governor Bradley. Davidson will take the witness stand in defense of Powers. Davidson left Kentucky about the time Taylor and Finley did. In the testimony of Youtsey and Golden he is charged with being one of the conspirators in the Goebel assassination, but he was not indicted with the others.

Since leaving Kentucky, nearly eight years ago his whereabouts have been unknown save to a few friends. He said today that he had been in a small town in Indiana near Indianapolis, most of the time engaged in the construction business.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Sunday Song Service Was Broken Up and Several Injured.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Reid's Station, Ga., Dec. 23.—While she sat in the lap of her cousin, at the family home in Reid's Station last evening, at 5 o'clock, Sedora Bryant, the ten-year-old daughter of J. D. Bryant, was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning that wrecked the home and injured fifteen other persons, though not seriously.

There was a gathering of neighbors at the Bryant home, twelve miles south of Macon, on the Southern railway, and the evening was being spent in a song service, when a stroke of lightning striking death to the girl and leaving her cousin unharmed, flashed through the house. The only evidence of injury to the little girl was a burn on the ankle.

W. M. Phillips, Frank and Ava Phillips and James Warfield sustained the most serious injuries.

Fancy Pillow Tops, Germantown yarns, Peerless slipper soles, Children's bear skin suits, raincoats, Crawford shoes, at Rehder's, the Big Store, North Fourth street. 4t

RACE WAR IN GEORGIA

Secret Society Halls of Negroes are Dynamited and Completely Demolished and a Reign of Terror Prevails.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Albany, Ga., Dec. 23.—Advices from Kestler, a town on the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railway, state that two negro secret society halls in the country near Kestler were dynamited Friday night. They were completely demolished.

One of the buildings was the Odd Fellows hall at Corea, four miles South of Kestler, and the other the Supreme Circles meeting place at Salem church.

There appears to be a systematic campaign of destruction waged against the negro secret societies, five halls having been demolished.

As the result of the dynamiting their is a reign of terror among the negroes in the vicinity of Kestler. They believe that whites are dynamiting their halls on account of the difficulty in securing labor, the secret orders being held responsible.

FUNERAL OF MALLORY.

Senator's Wishes as to No Ostentations to be Carried Out.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—In conformity with his dying request, conveyed in a telegram to the Sergeant-at-thms yesterday, the late United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory of Florida, who died last night, will not be given an official funeral, but it woll be conducted privately and without ostentation.

No committee of Congress, therefore, will be appointed and such Senators and Members as will attend the obsequies, will do so unofficially.

Senator Mallory's aversion to official funerals was well known here and the telegram he directed to be sent yesterday occasioned no surprise.

The funeral services will be conducted at Pensacola tomorrow. The desk of the dead Senator in the Senate Chamber was draped today.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 23.—In harmony with Senator Mallory's known wishes and the terms of his will, his funeral will be held quietly from the Catholic church here. No Congressional delegation will be named, the Senator having especially requested. He will be buried in a lot adjoining the graves of his parents and favorite sister.

IMMIGRATION IS INCREASING

Interesting Monthly Statistics is Issued by The Bureau.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—A twenty-five per cent. increase over the same period last year in the immigration from all countries to the United States is shown in the monthly statement of the Bureau of Immigration, covering the month of November.

In that month 117,476 immigrants arrived at the various ports, as against 94,621 in November 1906. In addition there were 1,394 which reachead these shores but who were turned back for various causes. Of the total immigration for November 1907, Russia alone furnished 25,213 or an increase of 20 per cent over November 1906.

The total immigration from all countries for the six months ending November 30, 1907, was 678,374 an increase of eighteen per cent. The total immigration from Russio was 136,992, an increase of 1 per cent. over the same period in 1905.

A noticeable feature of the statement is the fact that but two more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907, than in November 1906, the figures being placed at 1,492 and 1,490 respectively.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY LOOSES

Case Before Supreme Court Decided in Favor of Plaintiff.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—In deciding in favor of the last mentioned, the case of the Old Dominion Steamship Company vs. Primus Gilmore, adminstrator, the Supreme Court of the United States today reviewed some of the circumstances connected with the collion between the Old Dominion Steamship Hamilton and the Saginaw, owned by the Clyde Line, which occurred off the Virginia coast in 1903.

The case involved the question whether the laws of Delaware, under which both companies were incorporated, apply to a claim for death on the high seas arising purely from tort, and also the question whether the representatives of the members of the crew of the Saginaw who lost their lives when that vessel went down can recover their claims in full against the owners of the Hamilton.

The opinion of the court was announced by Justice Holmes. Both points were decided in the affirmative, the verdict of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit being affirmed.

BAN KSTATEMENT ISSUED.

Comptroller of the Currency Issues Interesting Bulletin.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement showing the condition of National Banks of the United States at the close of business, December 3, was today made public by the Comptroller of the Currency.

It shows that the total loans and discounts of the banks aggregate $4,583,337,094; individual deposits, $4,176,873,717; cash resources, $660,784,736; capital stocks, $901,681,682; United States deposits, $223,117,082.

The net balance of Clearing House Certificates in the banks on the date named was $64,344,128.

The percentage of legal reserve to deposits is 21.31 per cent.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

INJUNCTION IS IGNORED

Despite the Order of the Supreme Court, Official Organ of American Federation of Labor Prints Unfair List.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—The temporary injunction granted by Justice Gould of the Supereme Court of the District of Columbia, rast Wednesday, against the American Federation of Labor at the instance of the Buck's Stove and Range Company of St. Louis became effective today.

The Bucks Stove and Range Company and a surety company undertake to make good to the defendants all damages by them suffered or sustained by reason of wrongfully and inequitably suing out the injunction.

From this date until the final hearing of the proceedings the American Federation of Labor by the courts order, is restrained from publishing the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company of St. Louis on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list and from enforcing any boycott against the company or against any third person, because the latter fails to discontinue purchasing the product of the company.

The January number of the Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, issued today, prints the name of the company in the "We won't patronize" list, nevertheless. No comment is made upon the court's ruling.

BIG FIRE IN TOULON

Explosion injures Many and Damage Will Amount to a Million.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Toulon, Dec. 23.—For the fifth time in many years fire broke out tonight in the Southern section of the arsenal completely destroying the naval spirit stores, despite the efforts of the firemen and troops, many of whom were injured.

A number of vats exploded and flames from the spirits shot up to a height of from eighty to a hundred feet.

The last Toulon arsenel fire occurred on April 23, of this year when damage to the extent of a million dollars was done, five large arsenel buildings being completely destroyed and the sub-marine depot, the torpedo workshop, and the torpedo school badly damaged. A number of men were injured at this fire, the origin of which was in doubt, it being established that the flames broke out simultaneously in several different places, leading to the belief that it was incendiary.

It was in one of the dry docks at Toulon that the battleship Leno, blew up on March 12 with great loss of life.

On May 25, fire broke out in the navy yard but firemen succeeded in extinguishing it before the flames reached the surrounding buildings.

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Another Big Mine Disaster Was Narrowly Averted in Pennsylvania.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—That one hundred men narrowly escaped cremation in the Schoenberger Coal Mine, at Baird station, thirty miles from here, when fire broke out in the mine yesterday, became known today. There are generally 400 men employed in the mine but recently the force was reduced.

Fortunately the fire was not accompanied by an explosion or another terrible mine disaster would have been recorded in this vicinity.

The fire is still raging tonight and help has been asked for from the Hazelkirk and Brasnell mines All fire bosses in the locality are at the scene as well as Mine Inspector Henry Loutitt. It was stated last night that the mine was free from gas, but since then the gas has been discovered. It was stated tonight that the fire cannot be extinguished by the use of water pumps and that the company has secured bricklayers to build a bulkhead at each end of the burning part to smother the flames.

WILL BANISH PRIESTS.

Threatened Trouble at Teheran Has Been Averted.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Teheran, Dec. 23.—The President of the Assembly today informed that body of the details of the declaration submitted to the Assembly yesterday by the Shah, in which the latter accepted the demands made upon him by the constitutional leaders.

This declaration provide., first, that Saad-Ed-Dowleh and the intriguing priests be banished and the persons responsible for the recent disorders be punished: second, that Ala-Ed-Dowleh and his brother be allowed to return to Persia; third, that two hundred infantrymen be placed as a permanent guard for the Parliament buildings; fourth, that all troops, including the Cossack brigade, which hitherto has been an independent command, be placed under the ministry of war; and fifth, that Russian officers of the Cossack brigade shall only instruct the men, not command them, as they have hitherto done.

All the shops in Teheran are open today.

According to the latest health report from Panama, the Isthmus has been free from yellow fever for more than eighteen months and there has been a steady and continued improvement in the health conditions. Comparing the death rate for the year up to December 1st, with that for the corresponding period in 1906, there has been a fifty per cent. decrease, the figures being for this year 20.66 per thousand against 30.61 last year. The sick rate also shows a marked improvement, being 20.49 for November, against 26.90 for October, 1907.

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WON'T MODIFY HIS ORDER

President Roosevelt Will Insist That State of Nevada Must Do Something Towards Preserving Order at Goldfield.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—The appeals to President Roosevelt to have Federal troops remain in Goldfield, in the opinion of White House officials, indicate a desire on the part of those sending them to rely solely on the National Government for protection. The position the President has taken in the matter is, that the State of Nevada should exhaust every means within its power to control the situation and that Federal interference should be supplemental only to the efforts being made by the State.

Nothing in the appeals so far received indicate that any steps whatever are being taken by the State.

Until this is shown to the President, it was stated at the White House today, his order of Saturday withdrawing the troops on December 30 will not be changed.

After a consultation with President Roosevelt today Senator Nixon of Nevada expressed it as his opinion that the President could not very well modify his order directing the withdrawal of the troops. The question of having the State take some active part in protecting the interests at Goldfield, the Senator said, was a question under active consideration at this time. Just what would be the result or what measures were being considered, he said it would be imposible to discuss. "One thing is certain," he asserted, "and that is that the Western Federation of Miners will not be known in Goldfield when this trouble has been concluded."

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 23.—With fifty men at work under ground, the Mohawk mine resumed operations today after being closed for more than three weeks. The consolidated mill and the Nevada-Goldfield Reduction Works are now running.

Sheriff Ingalls added a large number of deputies to his force today, the men being paid by the Mine Owners Association, to act as guards and patrolmen.

The Mine Owners Association asserts that during the week a large number of strike-breakers will be brought in. Very few strikers have returned to work.

TAFT IN CINCINNATI.

Visited His Mother's Grave and Will Settle Up Estate.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23.—Secretary of War Taft arrived today from Washington, having been called here on business connected with the administration of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Louisa M. Taft. During the morning he visited her grave in Spring Grove Cemetery. He expects to return to Washington tonight.

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